

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 14-16, 18-20, 22-24, and 26-97 are pending in the application, with claims 1-7 and 26-97 withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention in Paper 18 pursuant to a restriction requirement. Applicants note that a Petition from Requirement for Restriction Under 37 C.F.R. §1.144 was filed on August 20, 2002.

The amendments to claims 10 and 22-24 correct a minor grammatical error (claim 10) and minor typographical errors (claims 22-24). No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 10, 16, 20 and 24 in paper number 21. Claims 8, 14, 18, and 22 stand objected to as encompassing non-elected inventions. Claims 9, 15, 19, and 23 stand rejected as being substantial duplicates of claims 8, 14, 18, and 22. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and objections.

Applicants respectfully note that a Petition from Requirement for Restriction under 37 C.F.R. 1.144 was filed on August 20, 2002 and is pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction requirement was improper and should be withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that, with withdrawal of the restriction requirement, the objections to claims 8, 14, 18 and 22 are moot and overcome, and that the rejections to claims 9, 15, 19 and 23 are likewise moot and overcome. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request favorable action on the pending Petition from Requirement for Restriction under 37 C.F.R. 1.144 and reconsideration and allowance of claims 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22, and 23.

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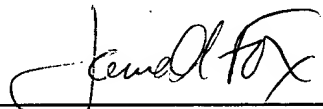
Applicants respectfully submit that all claim rejections and objections are overcome by the above arguments and amendments, and request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. An early indication of allowance is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below should he find that there are any further issues outstanding.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount of \$4,020.00 for the Request for Continued Examination (\$750.00); five months extension of time (\$1,970.00) and Petition for Revival of Application (\$1,300.00) (or charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment) to deposit account No. 08-1641, referencing attorney's docket no. 39754-0791 A.

Respectfully submitted,

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